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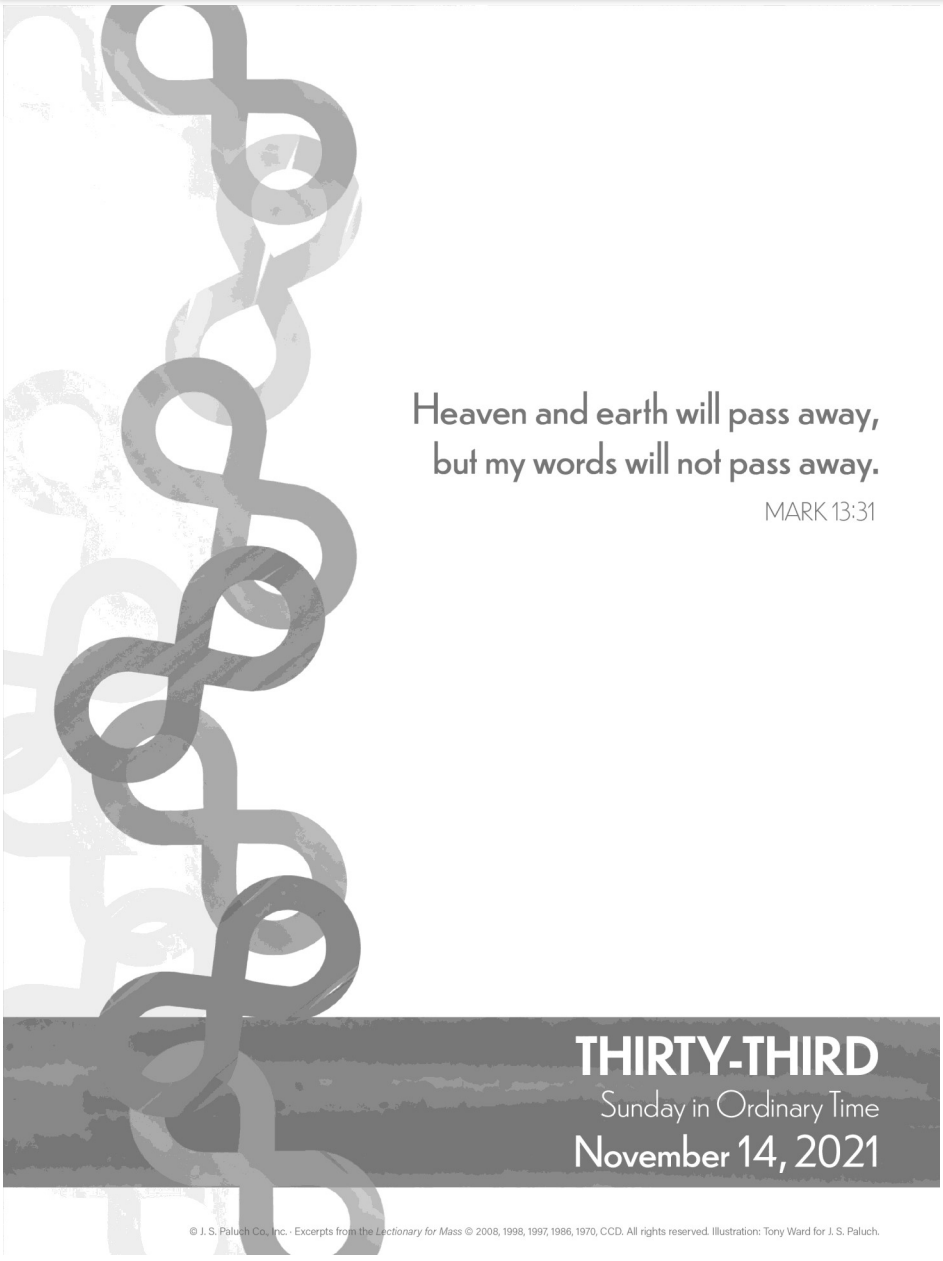

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Saint Louis 175 Years 1844 - 2019
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We, the people of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri, are committed to following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor.
We do this through:

- Eucharistic centered worship and continued spiritual formation.
- Service to the poor and oppressed.
- Preaching the Gospel by word and action in an ecumenical spirit.

Organizations / Activities

Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO)
Teresa Corby — After School Program

Paul Freeman — Liturgy Committee

Let's Start: 314-241-2324

Heaven and earth
will pass away,
but my words
will not pass away.

MARK 13:31

THIRTY-THIRD

Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021

MOVING TOWARD THE END OF HISTORY

The end is near! Many of us recall such predictions from religious sources, mostly small evangelical sects but even the larger Jehovah's Witnesses. Catholics, too. For instance, Pope Saint Clement of Rome declared the end is near for the year 90; his successor Pope Sylvester II for 1000; and Innocent III predicted 1284 as the world's end by adding 666 years to the date of Islam's beginning. *The end is near!* Today's Liturgy of the Word opens with Daniel's prediction of "a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began" (Daniel 12:1), for some "an everlasting horror and disgrace" (12:2). In today's Gospel, Jesus seems to describe precisely what Daniel's vision will look like: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken" (Mark 13:24–25). *The end is near!* Well, at least the end is certain, based on these scriptures proclaimed ominously midway through this month of All Saints and All Souls.

LISTENING WITH JOYFUL HOPE

If *the end is near* or at least coming for certain, Someone else is even nearer, indeed with us already! For one thing, today's Hebrews reading offers us this blessed assurance: "by one offering (Jesus) has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated" (Hebrews 10:14). So, by the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ, forgiveness is ours, our "consecration" having begun in Baptism. Christ's sacrifice, offered once and for all on the cross, is now made ever present in the Church's Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Mass. But even before we hear Hebrews proclaim such Good News, we need to listen with joyful hope to Daniel. For, at that very time Daniel declares "unsurpassed in distress," Daniel promises "at that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book" (Daniel 12:1). Recalling Hebrews again, the writing of Daniel's "book," namely the Book of Life, begins when our names are inscribed on the day of our baptism.

GOOD NEWS IN THE END

Seen then as positive, Daniel's predictions blossom even more beautifully in Jesus' Good News. Indeed, Jesus invokes that very image: "Learn a lesson from the fig tree" (Mark 13:28). Consider well: Jesus does not predict produce that comes forth withered, or even worse, poisoned, ending in (for many of us) winter's forthcoming thick clouds, deep snow, and brutal cold. Placing before our eyes instead a gloriously lovely and positive image, Jesus declares: "When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near" (12:28). So where is the "Gospel good" in today's passage? Precisely in what happens after "that tribulation" and "the powers being shaken" in the Gospel's opening lines (12:24–25). For Jesus promises that we will "see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory' " (12:26). Jesus "will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky" (12:27): Jesus' whole family gathered together, the little and lowly lifted up, the lost sheep found. Tender indeed is Jesus' mercy; blessed fruit that endures and nourishes us into eternity! So, we hope indeed that *the end is near*!

TODAY'S READINGS

Daniel 12:1–3
Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11
Hebrews 10:11–14, 18
Mark 13:24–32

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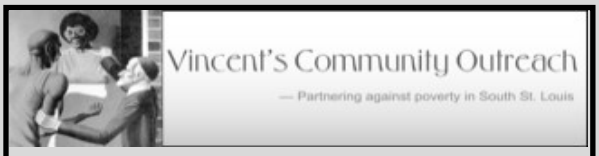
"It is his good pleasure that we remain always in the holy joy of his love ."

— *St. Vincent De Paul*



For more information on our Outreach Services, please visit our non-profit, Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO):

VCO-STL.ORG

Mass Schedule:

Mon-Fri:	**12:05pm**
Saturday:	**4:30pm**
Sunday:	**9:00am & 11:00am**
Holidays:	**9:00am**

Masks are required before entering the Church
We will continue live-streaming of the 9:00a Mass available on our website for your convenience, should you choose to stay home:

WWW.STVSTL.ORG

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

8:30AM - 4:30PM
Monday - Friday, Sat (9a-4p)

GOD'S REIGN

By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.

Blessing and Dismissal

At the beginning of Mass, the priest made the sign of the cross with us. At the conclusion of Mass, he makes the sign of the cross over us, a sign of blessing. We are then dismissed—not just let out, but sent forth with a mission "to love and serve the Lord." Just as Jesus blessed his disciples as he ascended to heaven, so this leave-taking is joined to a blessing, a prayer for God's continuing protection. As we leave the church, we bear the invisible sign of the Master whom we follow. In the words of an ancient letter to Diognetus, "Christians are indistinguishable from other [people] either by nationality, language, or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow an outlandish way of life. . . . And yet, there is something extraordinary about their lives" (*Liturgy of the Hours*, Vol. II, p. 840). We are ordinary people sent forth to live extraordinary lives, lives like Christ's own life—pouring ourselves out for others in prayer, service, and love.

HOPE
If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.
—St. Clement

THE FUTURE
The future starts today, not tomorrow.
—Saint John Paul II

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.
— Mark 13:31

We pray for all who are sick and their caregivers:

Tom Murphy
Robert Flick
Sharon Ryan
Marian Junge
Dianna Wozniak
Bob Rauscher, Jr.
Charles Sims
Elisabeth Boone
Belinda Milton
Barb Thomas
Patricia Wright
Emily Klein
Deidre Cason
Dan Murphy
Dave Frei
Karen Howard
Beth Karp
Mary Horridge
Miguel Quesada
Pat Brennan
Pat Castro
Josie Carter
Nathaniel Harris
Parker Jackson & Family
John Edler
John Pearcy
Kathy Klingle
Chris Kerlick

****NEW GUIDELINES RE. PRAYER LIST:****

Pursuant to new guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese in accordance with HIPPA, we may only honor requests by parishioners or immediate family for the Bulletin Prayer List. Names will only appear for a 30 day period. Thank you.

Please pray for the following residents In nursing homes:

Mary Leimkuehler & Patricia Dannenberger

Nursing Home

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MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, Nov 13
4:30p **Single Mothers**

Sunday, Nov 14
9:00a **Vincentian Mission**
11:00a **Our Volunteers**

Monday, Nov 15
12:05p **Miriam Jung**

Tuesday, Nov 16
12:05p **John Boulanger**

Wednesday, Nov 17
12:05p **Tom Kutis & Family**

Thursday, Nov 18
12:05p **Buckley Family**

Friday, Nov 19
12:05p **Our Parishioners**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov 13	**Tyson Cato**
Nov 13	**John Thiel**
Nov 14	**Liam Krahl**
Nov 14	**Thomas Molitor**
Nov 14	**Angela Williams**
Nov 15	**Sheila Burton**
Nov 15	**Jackie Martin**
Nov 15	**Arjuna Rao**
Nov 16	**Sandi Robinson**
Nov 17	**Jack Burke**
Nov 17	**Michael Burke**
Nov 17	**Thomas Croak**
Nov 17	**Karen Haegele**
Nov 17	**Kathleen Lupa**
Nov 17	**John McAteer**
Nov 17	**Luke Parker**
Nov 17	**James Toben**
Nov 18	**Mary Ann Buhr**
Nov 18	**Kenneth Parker**
Nov 19	**Kathryn Sullivan**
Nov 20	**Lynne Clapp**
Nov 20	**Mary Horridge**
Nov 20	**Raymond Martin**
Nov 20	**Emerson Zancanata**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov 19 Chris & Louise Smith 10 yrs

In loving Memory - Patricia Wright
(Sister of John Wozniak)

National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows "Way of Lights" Volunteer Request Friday, Nov 19 - Friday, Dec 31

Looking for a special way to share the Holiday Spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display or helping the Oblates Exhibit area at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 19—December 31. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours.

If interested, please email: **programs@snows.org** or call (618) 394-6281.

Website: **www.snows.org/wol**

What did Pope Francis Say?

Vatican City

First of all, to watch out for hypocrites, that is, to be careful not to base our life on the cult of appearances, externals, and the exaggerated care of one's own image. And most importantly, to be careful not to bend faith around our own interests. In the name of God, those scribes covered-up their own vanity, and even worse, they used religion to cultivate their own affairs, abusing their authority and exploiting the poor. Here we see that very bad attitude that we see in many places today, clericalism, this being above the humble, exploiting them, demeaning them, considering oneself perfect. This is the evil of clericalism. This is a warning for all time and for everyone, Church and society: never to take advantage of a specific role to crush others, never to make money off the backs of the weakest! And to watch out so as not to fall into vanity, so as not to be fixated on appearances, losing what is essential and living superficially. Let us ask ourselves, it will help us: do we want to be appreciated and gratified by what we say and what we do, or rather to be of service to God and neighbour, especially the weakest? We must be watch out for falsehood of the heart, against hypocrisy which is a dangerous illness of the soul!

To heal this illness, Jesus invites us to watch the poor widow. The Lord denounces the exploitation of this woman, who, in making her offering, must return home without even the little she had to live on. How important it is to free the sacred from ties with money! Jesus had already said it elsewhere: you cannot serve two masters. Either you serve God - and we think he says "or the devil", no - either God or money. He is a master, and Jesus says we must not serve him. The Lord always, in the face of people's generosity, goes further, is more generous. The sound of her few coins is more beautiful than the grandiose offerings of the rich, since they express a life sincerely dedicated to God, a faith that does not live by appearances but by unconditional trust. Let us learn from her: a faith without external frills, but interiorly sincere; a faith composed of humble love for God and for our brothers and sisters.

And now let us turn to the Virgin Mary, who with a humble and transparent heart made her entire life a gift for God and for his people.

VINCENTIAN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

FOOD COLLECTION—WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Week 1	Nov 7	Cooking Oil
Week 2	Nov 14	Spaghetti Sauce
Week 3	Nov 21	Laundry Detergent
Week 4	Nov 28	Canned Meat / Pasta
Week 5	Dec 05	Canned Fruit
Week 6	Dec 12	Peanut Butter & Jelly

*All food donations can be dropped off at Mass or at the Parish office during the week.

Pictures at the Manger

with the Daughters of St. Paul

Saturday, December 4 from 10-4

at Pauline Books & Media (9804 Watson Road)

REGISTER ONLINE: connect.pauline.org/manger

Our St. Vincent's Children learning about the Holy Trinity at Liturgy of the Word, led by Christy Toben.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ **Coffee & Donuts:** is temporarily on hold until we can safely host people indoors without a mask again. Until then, we can not have anyone congregating in the Hall. We hope to resume this in early 2022.

⇒ **Suds Of Love:** Tues, Nov 23rd 10:00a-1:00p *(*This is held on Tuesday only because of Thanksgiving on Thursday*). Thurs, December 9th: 3:30-6:30pm & Thurs, Dec 23rd: 10:00a-1:00p. All of these dates will occur at Soulard Laundromat.

⇒ **Rummage Sale:** We are temporarily holding off on re-starting our *Ladies of Charity* Rummage Sale until we can safely open our doors to the Public again. We will keep you posted.

⇒ **Senior Bingo**: *The Ladies of Charity* will not be hosting Senior Bingo again until 2022. This is because our Church Hall is needed for preparations for our Christmas Program. Stay tuned for more information after the Holidays.

⇒ **Volunteer Update:** We are now requiring **ALL Volunteers be fully vaccinated**. If you want to help serve during our Meals program, Food Pantry, work our lunch window or clothing window, then you MUST be fully vaccinated in order to Volunteer. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Please contact Pat Poehling, (*Volunteer Coordinator*) with questions.

⇒ **Christmas Program:** The Vincentian Christmas Program has begun our initial plans of signing up families. This week you should be receiving information in the mail about this year's Christmas Program. We look especially forward to your participation this year. Please keep us in mind when you plan your Holiday giving. Please see our weekly donation schedule on page 5 for donating food if you are interested.

Information Sheet

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